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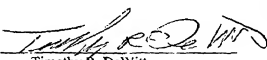
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In re Application of:

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Appl. No.: 10/608,144

Filing Date: June 30, 2003

Title: Dual Female Electrical Connector and
Connector Module

Art Unit: 2833

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AAI	2,603,681	7/15/52	Salisbury			
	AB1	3,034,093	5/8/63	Blain			
	AC1	3,346,834	10/10/67	Kinkaid			
	AD1	3,482,201	12/2/69	Schneck			
	AE1	3,853,389	12/10/74	Occhipinti			
	AF1	4,813,881	3/21/89	Kirby			
	AG1	5,037,332	8/6/91	Wilson			
	AH1	5,096,434	3/17/92	Byrne			
	AI1	5,242,319	9/7/93	Ju			
	AJ1	5,383,800	1/24/95	Saka et al.			
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